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DEADLINE FOR THE NEWSLETTER IS 10AM WEDNESDAY

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● **Collection for Canon Michael Fitzgerald today, in appreciation of all he has done for the Parish.**

● **DEADLINE REMINDER: TAX REFUND:** Last week, some of you would have received correspondence from us, about the tax refund scheme, the deadline to return the form, is **tomorrow, Monday, 10th February**. The Tax Refund system is of great financial benefit to the Parish and it would be a pity to miss out on the opportunity of availing the refund. Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

● **Confessions Parish Church:** Saturday: 12.00-1.00pm & 7.00 – 7.30pm

● **EUCCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR:-** Thursday evening **8.00pm to 9.00pm.**

Church of Our Lady Conceived Without Sin, Mitchelstown:

MASS TIMES: Saturday & Eve of Holy Day: 7.30pm
Sunday & Holy Day: 8.30am, 11.30am & 7.30pm.
Weekdays: 8.30am & 10.00am
Saturday morning: 10.00am only

FIRST FRIDAYS: 8.30am, 10.00am & 7.30pm.

BANK HOLIDAYS: 11am

MORNING PRAYER: Monday – Friday: 8.00am

ROSARY: Monday – Saturday: 9.30am

DIVINE MERCY PRAYERS: Friday at **3.00pm**. All welcome.

CONFESSIONS: First Thursday of the month: 12 – 1.00pm & 8.00 – 9.00pm
(during the Holy Hour) Saturday: 12 – 1.00pm & 7.00 -7.30pm in the Parish Church.

Church of the Holy Family, Ballygiblin

MASS TIMES: Saturday & Eve of Holy Day: **6.00pm.**
Confessions after Mass on the First Saturday of the Month

St. Joseph's Church, Killacluig

MASS TIMES: Sunday & Holy Day: **10.00am.**
Confessions after 1st Sunday Mass

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Thought for the Day

Salt and Light: In today's Gospel we hear of two scenarios where salt is concerned: one is that we are called to be 'salt of the earth'. What salt does for food, Christians are called to do for the world – to give life 'taste'. You might recall someone who brought 'taste' to your own life, encouraging you on your journey, offering hope, a new insight or project, someone you followed and learned from. What gifts did they bring?

The other scenario in the Gospel today is where salt has lost its taste – how can it be restored? You might recall someone you placed great hope in, whether it be a family member, a public figure, a Church leader or politician; someone who had vision and inspired others. Yet the 'salt' or the 'taste' was lost. We see this all around us in our world, when someone's potential is lost.

There are many situations in our world today where people's light is not allowed to shine. It is controlled, hidden, prevented from being used for the benefit of all because of jealousy or perhaps others are afraid of the consequences. Jesus tells us that these lights must shine, for all, and then we can give glory to God in Heaven for the fruits it may produce. To help lights shine and to give flavour to the world is our task today. Another way of putting it might be: how are the effects of our encounter with Jesus Christ evident in our lives?

Congratulations

On the 1st February 2020, His Holiness Pope Francis appointed the Rev. Monsignor Michael F. Crotty, a Priest of the Diocese of Cloyne, as the Apostolic Nuncio to Burkina Faso, elevating him to the dignity of Archbishop, and appointing him to the titular See of Lindisfarne.

"I welcome the appointment of Monsignor Michael F. Crotty of the Diocese of Cloyne to the position as Papal Nuncio of Burkina Faso. This is a great personal honour for Msgr. Michael, as it is for his family and the Diocese of Cloyne. His experience in the diplomatic service of the Holy See means that he brings many gifts to bear on his new mission in Burkina Faso. We pray God's blessing on his work in the service of the Holy See and the Church universal." Bishop William Crean.

"Monsignor Michael is a native of Mitchelstown. His appointment as Archbishop and Papal Nuncio to Burkina Faso is a great honour for Michael, his family and the people of Mitchelstown. We wish him every blessing and success in his new role." Canon Michael Leamy.

Teacher: 'Name four things that contain milk?'

Dublin Boy: 'Butter, cheese and , and.....two cows.'

Station Masses: The Spring & Lenten Station Masses will commence on **Monday, 17th February and continue throughout Lent.** Some Stations will take place in the Parish Churches and others in the homes of Parishioners. The Station Masses are offered for the families of the Station area to invoke God's Blessings in all we do. It is also an opportunity to make an offering towards the income of the Parish Clergy. We always invite and encourage families to consider having the Station Mass in your home for your area. You are most welcome to have the Station Mass in your home, please contact the Parish Office and let us know. Again we ask your help for the distribution of the Station envelopes. **The Spring distributors can collect the envelopes from the Parish Office, during Office hours – Monday to Friday, 9am to 12noon, it would greatly help.**

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration - Can you commit to one hour a week in Eucharistic Adoration. We are looking for people for the following hour: Wednesday 10-11am. Please contact Nora on 025 24149, Catherine on 087 7727496 or any one of the Priests.

For the six Thursdays in Lent, there will be a **Series of Mediations at the Holy Hour** in our Parish Church led by Fr Pat O Donoghue, on understanding the Mass through the writings of the Saints. It is an opportunity to deepen our knowledge of the parts of the Mass. The first sessions will be on **Thursday 27th February at 8pm.**

GIRLS RETREAT & GET-TOGETHER: Come along for a 3-day retreat and get-together open to post-primary age girls and led by the Servant Sisters of the Home of the Mother. The retreat will be held at the old Bon Secours Convent in Cobh (next to the Cathedral) from 4pm on Sunday 16th - 3pm Tuesday 18th of February. The retreat will include a variety of activities including daily Mass, adoration, faith formation, videos, sports, games, music, and an adventure around Cobh. Cost: €30. For more information please contact: Sr. Mary Donovan, SHM - hmactivitiesireland@gmail.com - 087 1660381

Powerful Weekend of Prayer, Praise, Worship & Healing with Maria Vadia, also Fr. John Keane and others. **Saturday, 7th & Sunday, 8th March at Rochestown Park Hotel, Cork.** Commencing at 9.00am both mornings. All welcome. For more details contact Pat on 087-2505528.

Do you know your Eircode? Do you know that in an emergency, a First Responder or an Ambulance can attend to you much quicker, if you know your Eircode. You can find your Eircode at www.eircode.ie. Ask someone to help you get it, if you have no access to technology. It can save a life.

Cloyne Annual Lourdes Mass - This year's Annual Lourdes Mass will take place on Tuesday February 11th in St. Colman's Church, Macroom at 7.30pm. All welcome.

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society. Meeting this **Monday, 10th February, at 7 p.m. in Marian Hall, Convent Hill.** Celebrating 10 years, Mass will be celebrated on the night.

New Members always welcome

Annual Mass to Remember Victims of Crime - You are invited to attend a special Mass to remember victims of crime on **Sunday, 23rd February at 12 noon in Knock Basilica.** This Mass is in association with the Federation for Victim Assistance and supports European Victim of Crime Day to remember all who suffer at the hands of criminals throughout the island of Ireland and Europe. For more details please contact Mary in our Victim Assistance head office at Enterprise House, Aiden Street, Kiltimagh, Co. Mayo. T: 086 3938871.

Reminder - Singing for the Brain – is an open weekly session held in **Forrest Hall in Mitchelstown every Friday from 2pm to 3-30pm.**

Mitchelstown Musical Society will present their 14th production 'SHREK The Musical' from **February 18th to 22nd** in the C.B.S Auditorium at 8pm nightly. Tickets available from Mitchelstown Leisure Centre.

C.B.S. Primary Parent Council **Family Bingo** at the Town Hall on **TODAY Sunday, 9th February** at 2.00pm, the Parent Council urges all families to come along. The day will be suitable for children, parents, grandparents and all in between.

CHRISM MASS IN COBH: In the Cathedral on Wednesday Evening, April, 8th at 7.30pm. A bus will leave the Square in Mitchelstown at 6.00pm. Names to be given to Patricia, Parish Secretary in the Parish Office by Tuesday, 24th March. There will be a charge for the bus.

FOUND: A pair of black rimmed prescription glasses found near the Parish Office.

Mitchelstown Heritage Society has organised an illustrated public lecture; The Battle of Clonmult by Tom O'Neill MA, next **Tuesday, 11th February @ 8pm in Mitchelstown Town Hall.** The Battle of Clonmult took place near Middleton on 20th Feb. 1921 where almost the entire East Cork Flying Column were wiped out by the British army, the single biggest loss of life for the IRA in The War of Independence. Tom tells the story of the lead up to the fight, the battle itself and its savage aftermath. Tom will have original artefacts from the War of Independence on display also. Refreshments served afterwards. Copies of his book on the same topic will be on sale. There is a small cover charge of €5 for members, €7 for the public.

Bunscoil na Toirbhirte- Presentation Primary School Mitchelstown would like to thank the Community for their generous contribution to our Church Gate Collection held on the 1st/2nd of February last. All donations are gratefully appreciated.

Mitchelstown Social Club are hosting the following Nursing Home Support **Scheme,** Known as the **Fair Deal** Information talk, to take place in Forrest Hall on Wednesday the 12th. February at 2pm. Speakers from Citizens Information. Everybody Welcome.

Cardiac Support Group North Cork – Monday, 17th February, presentation by Ruth Burton. Topic: Irish Community Rapid Response Helicopter Service. Venue: Day Care Centre, Mallow. Time: 8.00pm.